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**THE CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES HAVE BEEN SERVING
THE ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNITY SINCE 2003**

We are a parish that strives to experience God's grace and faithfully embody His love for one another by intertwining our cultures with His teachings! Our mission as followers of Christ is to synthesize the energies, talents and abilities of everyone of every age to fulfill our vision for a Christ-centered world. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our patron St. Andrew, may we beautify the mystery of faith by humbly denying ourselves to follow Christ. Amen

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:30am – 1:30pm
2:30pm – 5:30pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday
8:00am (English) 2:00pm (Twi)
9:30 am (Italian) 5:30pm (Spanish)
11:00am (English)
12:30pm (English)

Children's Sunday Liturgy 11:00am & 12:30pm

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday 8:00am & 7:00pm
Wednesday Iraqi – Rosary and Mass at 5pm
Saturday 8:30am & 5:30pm
Public Holidays 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 8:00am & 4:00pm
Wednesday 7:30am
Anytime by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am to 6:30pm
1st Saturday Devotions 9:30am to 10:00am

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Home visits: Please call the Parish Office

PARISH TEAM

Fr. George Kibura Njuguna, IMC – Pastor
StAndrewsET@archtoronto.org

Fr. Timothy Kinyua Gatitu, IMC – Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie – Permanent Deacon
Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community
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Ms. Sharanka Prince Yogarajah – Youth Coordinator
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BAPTISM (CHILDREN UNDER 7 YEARS OLD)

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 10:00am. **Please contact the Parish Office at least 1 month in advance.**

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to get married must contact the Pastor, at least **one year in advance**, to set the wedding date.

RCIA

Rite of Initiation of Adults into the Christian Faith. Interested in becoming a Catholic? Please contact the Pastor.

NEW PARISHIONER? BE MOST WELCOME!

Welcome to St. Andrew! We'd like you to know that we are here to support you and together come closer to Christ. Please introduce yourself to the Priests or any of the Ministers. Pick up a membership form at the entrance of the Church, complete it and submit it to the Parish Office.

OUR LADY CONSOLATA. PRAY FOR US

**Welcome home to St. Andrew's
Kindness Toward All**

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” Luke 6:35–36

It is certainly difficult to be “kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.” But doing so is exactly what our Lord commanded us to do. And His command is not a command in the sense of being a burden. On the contrary, it’s a command that frees us from the ingratitude and wickedness we encounter.

Oftentimes, when we encounter ingratitude from another, or any other form of wickedness, we tend to react in kind. Our fallen human nature lures us into cruelty when faced with cruelty. We criticize, condemn, attack and get angry. But Jesus is very clear that this is not how the “Most High” acts toward the wicked. And it is not how He acts toward us. In the end, the wicked who fail to repent will endure the consequences of their rejection of God’s mercy. But until that final judgment, hope of conversion must always be present. And for that reason, we must never give up on another, no matter how difficult. Kindness shown to everyone, in every circumstance, goes to the heart of the mission we have received as children of God.

Think about the person in your life who seems unworthy of your kindness and generosity. Why are they undeserving? Are they truly undeserving? The truth, according to our Lord’s teaching, is that these are not questions we should even ask ourselves. Instead, we must fully commit ourselves to loving everyone who appears to be our enemy, and do good to them and to everyone whom we encounter. Though this is difficult, it won’t be if we understand the goodness that God has shown to us.

God has shone us perfect goodness, not because He expected anything back, but simply because He has willed to love us. If we want to be children of God the Most High, then we must reciprocate the love given to us. That’s the nature of God’s love. It cannot be contained. It cannot be selfishly received without also allowing it to pour forth from our lives. When we understand this, we will understand the reason Jesus instructed us to be “kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.” It is simply because this is how God has treated us.

Reflect, today, upon the unlimited love God has for you. It is beyond what you could ever comprehend. Reflect, also, upon the great benefit there is in opening yourself to God’s perfect love, kindness, generosity and mercy. The benefit is that you are able to be filled with that which you receive. And as you receive this love of God, it necessarily overflows into the lives of everyone you encounter, the good and the wicked. Everyone must always be offered this love. Do not hesitate, for God does not hesitate with you.

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The **2025 donation envelopes** are ready for pick up in the Church or you can also pick them up in the office during regular hours. Please remember to confirm that they are yours by **verifying the number, name and address**. If you do not have a number assigned please contact the parish office by email or phone.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS – 2024

Income tax receipts are available for pickup at the Parish Office during regular hours.



SOUP AND BREAD NIGHT – SATURDAY MARCH 1

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites our Parish Community to share soup and bread with us on Saturday, March 1st at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. It is our way of thanking you for supporting us in our Mission, by your faithful contributions to the “**Poor Box**”.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

	<p>Annual Breakfast Event Church Building Fund Raiser March 2nd after all morning masses</p> <p>Includes...3 hefty pancakes, light and fluffy scrambled eggs, toast, fruit cup and hot coffee, tea or juice</p> <p>ONLY \$10</p> <p>\$5 pancakes for children under 12 years old</p>
	<p>50/50 FUNDRAISER</p> <p>Buy tickets after each mass</p> <p>1 ticket \$2 4 tickets \$5 15 tickets \$10</p>



January 2025

We would like to congratulate the parents of the Newly Baptized Children.

Ngozi Caroline Efuwa Osuoha and Harold Wilet Sasha

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship
Feb 16th, 2025 Sunday Offertory \$ 2,775.00

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Y-C | FEB 23, 2025 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Feb 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30 am - (No intention)
10 am - Ghanaian Infants Baptism
5:30 pm - (No intention)

Sunday, Feb 23 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - † Antonio Polera, by Mary Viglione
9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) Prayers for health to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Thanksgiving for wedding anniversary, by family
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Mr. G. Janakan, by family
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

Monday, Feb 24

8 am - † Veda Bhola, by friends
7pm - Special intention for Nalmin & Sanaa, by Sanaa Toma

Tuesday, Feb 25

8 am - Thanksgiving for Jermaine Daniel on his birthday, by Alma & family
7 pm - † Carol Basco Datoon and Hilario Daza, by family

Wednesday, Feb 26

8 am - † Salvatore Melchiorre, by Mary Notarianni
7 pm - Special intention for Nalmin & Sanaa, by Sanaa Toma

Thursday, Feb 27 - St. Gregory of Narek

8 am - † Mercedes Pulla, by José
7 pm - (No intention)

Friday, Feb 28

8 am - Special intention for Mrs. Rose Rabino, by Chan family
7 pm - (No intention)

Saturday, Mar 1

8:30 am - (No intention)
5:30 pm - (No intention)

Sunday, Mar 2 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - Thanksgiving, by Alex family
9:30 am - (Ita.Mass)
11 am - For the people of the Parish
12:30pm - † Mary Regina and Henry Durasaimy, by Durasaimy
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

Eucharistic Adoration

We invite you to join us for a time of prayer and reflection during our Eucharistic Adoration sessions, held every Tuesday and Thursday.

Come, spend some quiet moments in the presence of our Lord, where we can offer our prayers, meditate in His love, and deepen our relationship with Christ. Whether you come for a few minutes or an hour, your presence is always welcome.

Let us gather in faith and worship, giving thanks and seeking strength through the Blessed Sacrament.

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." - St. Padre Pio

Those who would like to be Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament and commit some of their time to visit our Lord for the Eucharistic Adoration, we need especially in the hours of afternoon, if interested please fill out the sheet at the entrance of the Church indicating your name, contact information and availability.



February 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

As we journey together through this Jubilee Holy Year, I want to offer my deepest gratitude for your charitable heart and great faith. In a time of economic hardship, you chose to trust in God's providence and extend your love to those in need. Your compassion has made it possible for so many lives to be touched by God's goodness.

I give thanks to the Lord for you—for the way you cared for the suffering, for the way you stood as a beacon of hope. Your kindness has strengthened the bonds of faith-filled giving within the archdiocese, reflecting the faith and virtues that unite us as one.

Last year, I invited you to say "yes" to God's call—to see His face in those who struggle. Your response was a testament to the depth of your faith and love. Because of your generous spirit, our community of faith came together to raise an extraordinary \$14.4 million for the ShareLife Parish Campaign. This outpouring of love speaks to the depth of your commitment to caring for others. Your sacrificial gifts breathed life into the work of ShareLife-funded agencies, enabling them to continue their mission of caring for the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, and those seeking a new beginning.

Your support of the ShareLife Campaign is a reflection of the love of God poured into our hearts, a love that brings hope and never disappoints. Because of your selfless giving, so many in our community have found strength to move forward.

May God bless you abundantly for the love you have shared. May He grant you and your loved ones peace, joy, and the lasting comfort of His presence.

Sincerely yours in Jesus with Mary,

Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

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